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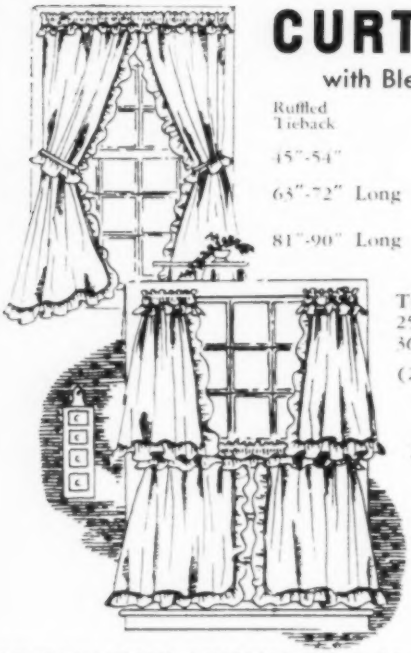

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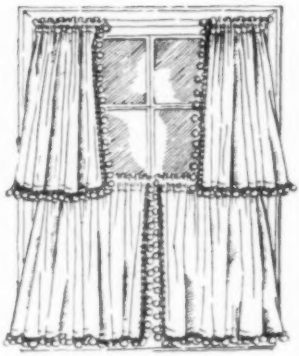

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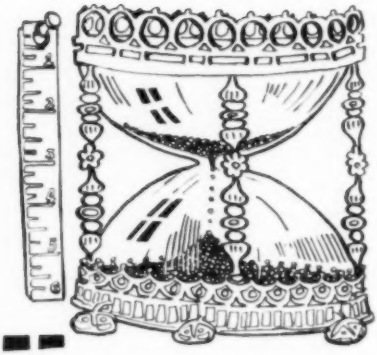

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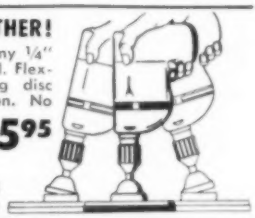

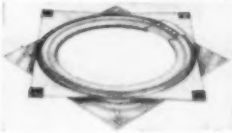

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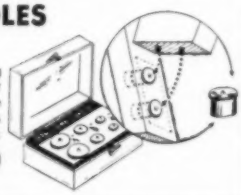

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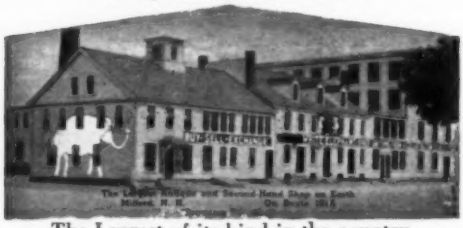

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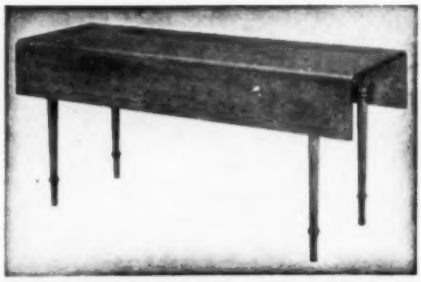

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Answer: Only once! We took to chewing tobacco right after and it was seventeen years before we got rid of the milkweed taste!

►*Mass.: Dear Oracle:* I am sendin' you a tie, 'cause Paw says you look as if you was gettin' to go to Church Meetin' and had a battle with that bat tie and got so cussed mad with it you just set down and killed that jug o' cider you are holdin'. J.W.B.

Answer: First of all, we thank you for the tie. Your Paw is wrong about us getting all het up trying to tie that specimen of haberdashery which is draped around our neck in the picture. You wouldn't know abut this, hailing as you do from so far inshore, but we learned to heave a hitch into such a thing as a boy aboard a fore-and-after. The knot which really makes a bow or bat tie is no more nor less than a double reef-knot and no man ever sailed a schooner very long without mastering the technique, and you may lay to that!

►*Ohio: Dear Oracle:* Have you ever heard that porpoises slip under drowning sailors and carry them to land? It is said that sailors will not kill porpoises. R.Y.

Answer: It is obvious that your question is put in a serious vein: we will answer it in kind.

No, we have never known of anything which might support the old superstition. Porpoises in their natural state would not be likely to remain in the vicinity of a swimming man.

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►*From the Oracle:* Acknowledgement to J. Wimmer, of North Carolina, for his gift of tobaccker. We have already filled our pipe and smoked a spell to our intense enjoyment. Any time that you run shy of smoking, J., call on us and we will pass our plug or pouch, whichever you prefer.

►*N.Y.: Dear Oracle:* When is a boat a ship? Is it a matter of size, or are they two different things and one can never become the other? A.G.

Answer: Dear Ann: Thanks for your kind words, they are deeply appreciated. Now about your query, here 'tis.

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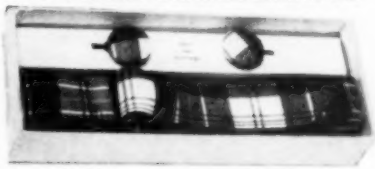

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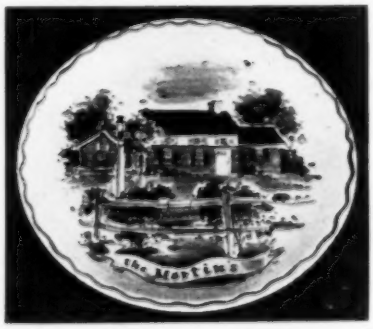

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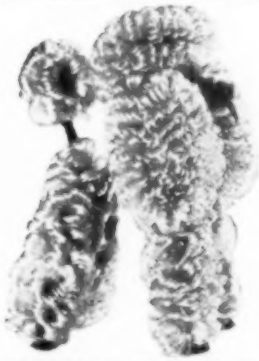
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AT HOME IN NEW ENGLAND
with Duncan MacDonald

NOW THAT THE WINTER IS OVER, our entire attitude changes from one of seeking refuge in the house to one of enjoying the freedom of the out of doors. We begin to think of our gardens again and of what we can grow to grace our tables, vary our menus, and to give that extra fillip to a favorite dish.

I'm sure that many mature New Englanders recall their childish curiosity and excitement when they looked out the window on spring days and saw strange women with bandanas on their heads attacking the lawns with knives. Inquiry disclosed that these women were Latins and welcome trespassers because they had what seemed to us a strange interest in weeding our lawns free of charge and neatly carrying the weeds off in cloth bags.

The weed they prized was the dandelion, and we have long since learned to prize it, too. These women cooked and served the greens like spinach, and gave the heads of the flowers to their men for the making of dandelion wine. Thus these weeds provided excellent food and drink: cooked greens have an interestingly different flavor, and dandelion wine is delightful.

Dandelion greens are occasionally available this month on the market, and to people who are willing to bend their backs they are available without other cost in lawns, meadows, and pastures right through the summer. They have their own distinctive flavor and make a pleasant change. Because of their bitter flavor, they require special preparation.

Dandelion Greens

Soak the leaves over night in salted water. In the morning put into pan of freshly boiling water, simmering for about 15 minutes (more for older leaves, less for younger), using three successive pots of boiling water. This brings the bitter flavor within bounds. Add a small piece of salt pork to the final cooking. Drain, sprinkle with lemon juice, and serve.

A good recipe for Dandelion Wine is this one from Irene Hoffmann's "Book of Herb Cookery":

Dandelion Wine

Pick the heads only of the dandelions; spread them out on sheets of paper to get rid of insects. To each gallon of flower heads, add 1 gallon of water, 2 oranges, 1 lemon, 1 oz. root ginger (crushed). Tie the ginger in a muslin bag. Put into a pan and bring it all to the boil, and boil it for 20 minutes. Then strain it and add 4 lbs. sugar. If not clear, add the white of an egg, and to make it work, put in ½ oz. yeast on a slice of bread. Leave it a week, strain and bottle it loosely at first, then tighter. (It should stand for 6 months before using.)

Dandelion Salad

Many a time a doubtful dinner has been pulled through to success by the salad. My attitude is: put in all the cold crisp greens you have, never forgetting the onion family. Then if, in addition to the best you can muster, some crisp young dandelion greens are at hand, toss them in, too, sprinkle with salt, pepper, and crumbled crisp bacon, toss the salad, and serve.

Duncan MacDonald is shown with some of the new spring household products: plastic shopping bag, electric can opener and knife sharpener, plastic basket, roll of disposable gloves, bedroom scale, drink mixer, flexible sprinkler, automatic potato peeler and party percolator. More about these products in the text. Duncan is heard weekdays at 10:05 over WNAC, and the thirty stations of the Yankee Network.

You'll perceive an extra flavor, slightly bitter, very interesting!

Bandannaed women on the sunny lawns of long ago are not the only romantic association with dandelions. The name itself came from a man who fancied that the petals were shaped like the teeth of the king of beasts; hence, *Dente di leone*. Then, too, when its golden flower goes to seed, it becomes a downy ball possessing clairvoyant powers. Hold it about six inches from your face, blow three times, and if all the down is gone, "He (or she) loves you!"

Learning a lesson from the dandelion, we can use the search for edible weeds as a means of getting us back to walking along country lanes in the sunshine and fresh air. There are many such "weeds": sour dock, pigweed, pokeweed, cowslip or marsh marigold, winter cress, field mustard, water cress, and purslane, to name only a few. How to identify them? You'll need a well-illustrated book, and the best I know is "Garden Spice And Wild Pot Herbs," written by Walter C. Muenscher and Myron A. Rice, and published by the Cornell University Press at Ithaca, N.Y.

The edible plants are clearly identified and there are suggested ways to prepare them for the table. Here is the recipe for.

Parslane

"The plant is juicy and good to eat either cooked or raw. The following method of preparing it is highly esteemed in Europe: first wash and drain the leaves. Melt a piece of butter, stir some zwieback crumbs into it until the mixture turns uniformly yellow, then add the leaves and let the whole simmer on the burner. Meanwhile stir in sufficient meat broth to form a sauce. Lastly, stir in some rich cream or the yolk of an egg."

The leaves of most of these edible weeds have a good flavor only before they blossom, becoming more and more bitter with age. Now is the time to start watching for them. In addition to getting us out into the open, the search will bring food to our table and new flavors to our favorite recipes.

Among the many springtime excitements, the first cucumbers rank high. Cucumber lovers will at first want no other preparation than washing, chilling, and slicing. A little salt will come next, and then a whole procession of cucumber dishes.

Before getting on to the particulars of several cucumber recipes, here are some general observations:

For most people cucumbers are perfectly digestible when crisp. Many people soak them in salted water in the refrigerator until they are limp and rubbery, and nothing in that condition is digestible. My suggestion is that you slice them, salt them, and sandwich them between sheets of wax paper, and then put them in the freezing compartment for ten minutes, or as long as possible without actually freezing them.

Naturally, those who grow their own cucumbers will pick them as they need them. Those who buy them should try to buy only what they will use up quickly. On the same basis, don't cut more slices than you are likely to use at one sitting, because they just don't hold their crispness.

Remember that the highest food value in a cucumber is near the skin, so avoid peeling them when possible.

Eat just as many as you like, because a fairly large cucumber contains only 40 calories.

Cucumbers are delightful for canapes—use most anything you like as the spread: hard-boiled eggs and mayonnaise and your favorite spice, cheese mixtures, or a sardine and mayonnaise concoction. If you like, add a little chopped onion.

Salad is one place where cucumbers shine. What could be better than chunks of crisp lettuce, quarters of tomato, slices of new cucumber, bits of green pepper and onion, a bit of garlic and some oil and vinegar? Avocado, if you like, and salt, pepper, and lemon juice, of course.

Sandwiches just won't be forgotten, because the cucumber serves nobly there: knead chopped parsley and some lemon juice into enough soft butter to spread the bread, and lay on the chilled slices of cucumber.

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One story jaunt that turned out very pleasantly came about through Mrs. Byron G. Tosi, known as one of the "best dressed women in America" and also well known as hard-working president of the Girls' Clubs of Boston. Mrs. Tosi told me about the work of the Girls' Clubs and invited me to visit them.

When I arrived one afternoon at the Bunker Hill Clubhouse in Charlestown, Massachusetts, there were little hives of activity in every corner of the large building at 60 High Street: a singing group around the grand piano, the ping pong tables were in use; the sewing machines were ready for action; the gymnasium over my head was "bouncing"; only the library was quiet.

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both of us carrying some mysterious boxes. By previous arrangement six of the girls slipped into the library, and we opened the boxes. Out came six very pretty little dresses, and there was much feminine swishing about as we tried things on to see who looked best in what.

The dresses were so pretty that when we let the photographer come in, he didn't have to tell anyone to "smile."

Incidentally, children's clothes for Easter and for Spring, follow Mother's styles: soft and feminine, drip-dry fabrics, bows are prevalent, removable boleros and jackets reveal sleeveless dresses beneath. One of the most attractive lines in children's clothing is that of Cinderella, and it is these dresses I have photographed.

In the photograph, Maryann Chiampa is wearing a pale lavendar with white lace edging on its removable jacket. Carol Connolly's dress is white, with a navy blue belt and matching coat. The coat buttons right under the collar and is very smart for Spring. At the right in the picture, Darlene Melville's dress has a

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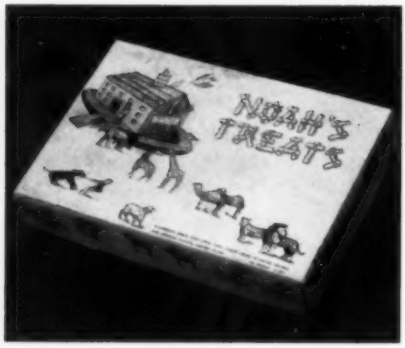

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In the library photograph, Joan Marie Mansfield at the left is wearing a soft yellow with lace trim, Michelle McCue looks neatly tailored in navy blue trimmed in red, with a white dickey, and Kathy Costello wears the palest of blues with an overall white embroidery. These dresses range from $5.00 to $9.00, and are also cut in larger sizes.

Since Joan and Kathy are three, and Michelle is four years old, they are not old enough to be members of the Girls' Clubs; but their older sisters belong, and as is the case in most clubs, that entitles them to some member "privileges."

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When, more than 160 years ago, Mr. Ives served guests that included survivors of Bunker Hill and Valley Forge, all dishes, aside from soups and stews, were no doubt especially prepared, and this custom is largely preserved today.

Felicia's — From time to time I like a good Italian dinner, and then I go in search of Richmond Street in Boston and the doorway to Felicia's second-floor restaurant.

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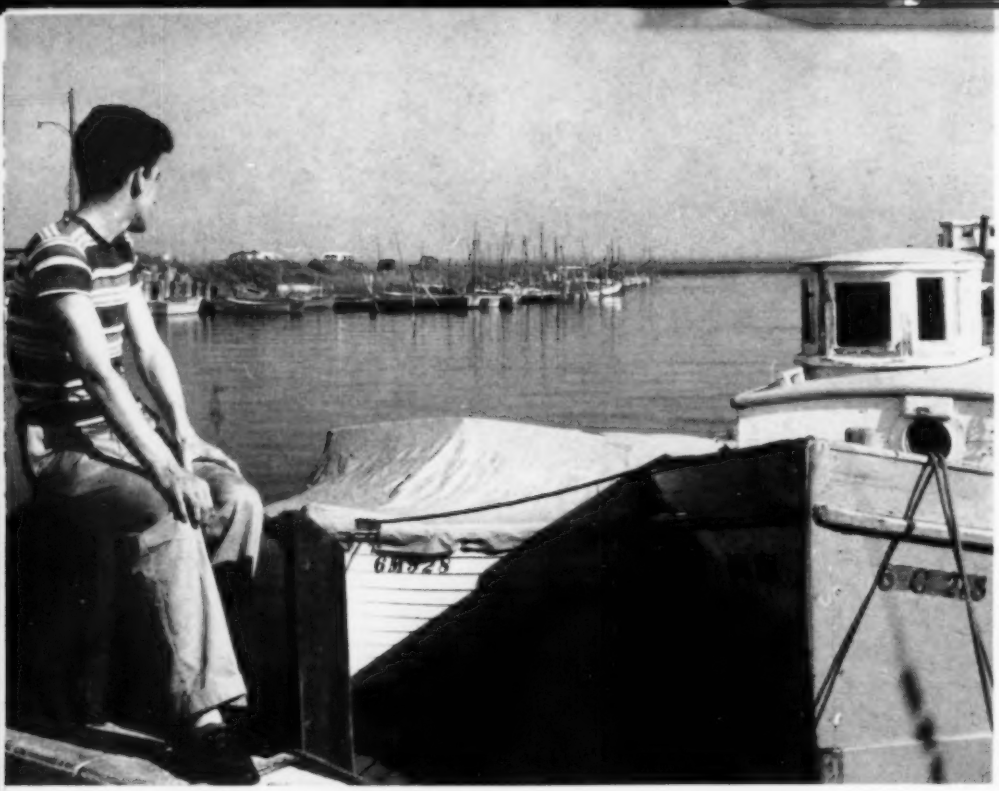

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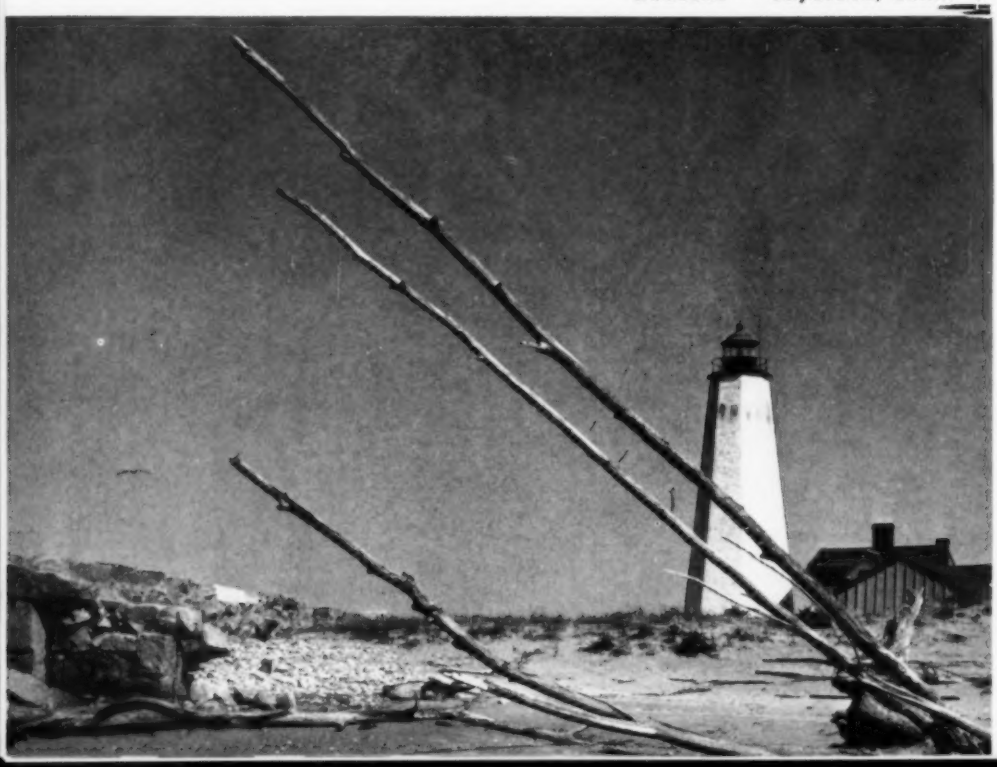
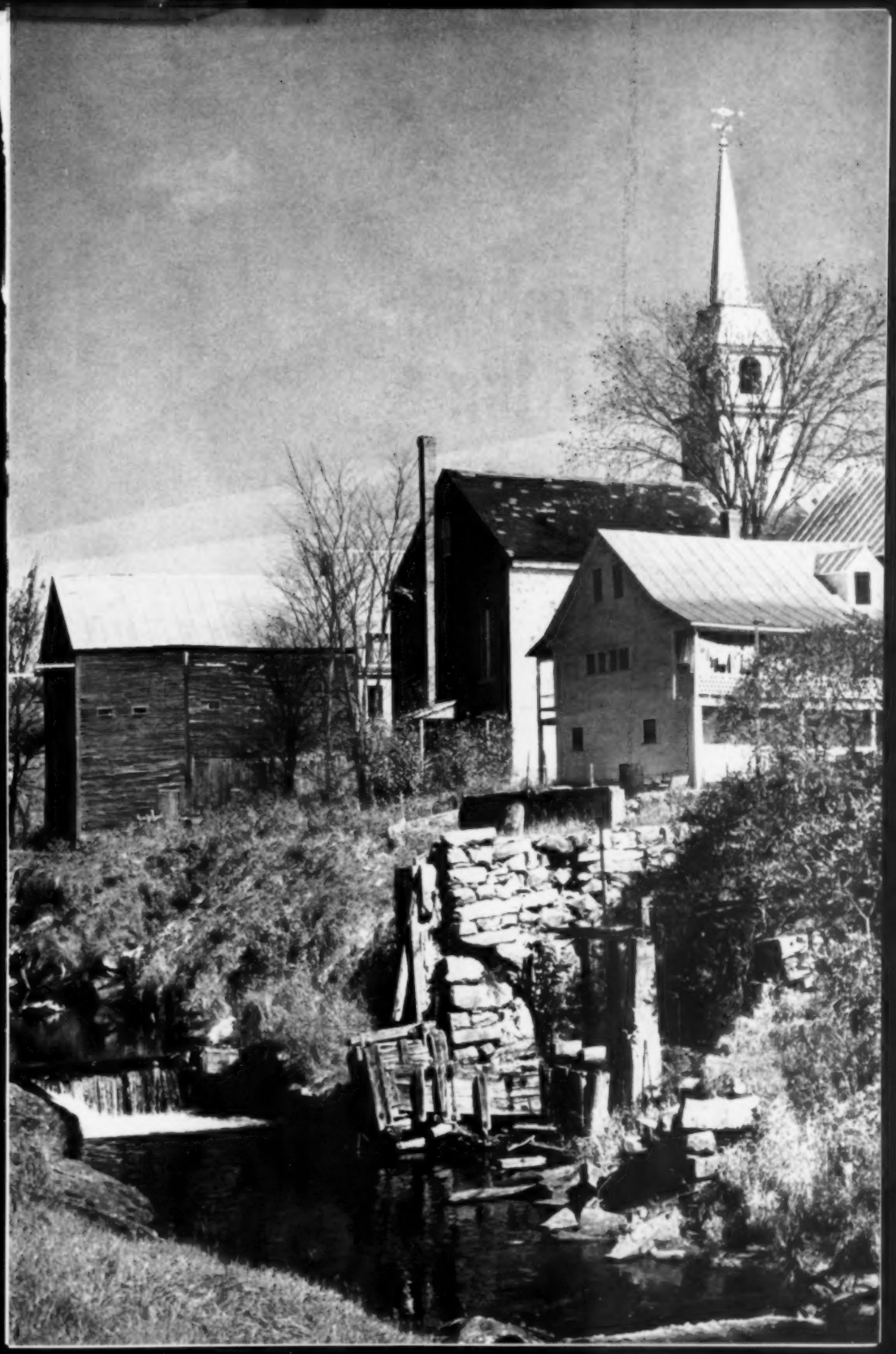




by LOIS O'CONNOR

Peppermint King of the World

THE ROOTS OF THE PEPPERMINT OIL industry in this country are still embedded firmly in Wayne County, New York State, where at Lyons the business in essential peppermint oil remains flourishing after some 120 years.

Yankee peddlers made peppermint oil available to housewives from New England to the Western frontier. From Ashfield, Massachusetts (see YANKEE, July, 1957,) the "merchants of the road" plied their trade in peppermint so well that from 1812 into the early 1830's, this small hill town made itself virtually the peppermint capital of America.

But it was left for a York Stater, Hiram Gilbert Hotchkiss, to build an industry in peppermint oil that has lasted into the fourth generation, and to establish himself as the first Peppermint King of the World. Ample proof of the worldwide fame of the Hotchkiss International Prize Medal Essential Oil Company of Lyons, New York, may be found in the Regional History Collection at Cornell University in Ithaca, where more than 100 years of the company's business records and letters are on file.

A more delightful way of learning about this still-thriving industry is to sit comfortably in an old armchair in the mint-fragrant office and listen to H. G. Hotchkiss III and his daughter, Miss Anne Dickerson Hotchkiss, tell the family story. Miss Anne, great-granddaughter of the first Hiram, now handles the major share of the business.

The peppermint oil interests were started in the mid-1830's by H. G. I, who, it must be admitted, took his cue from a Yankee peddler.

When Hiram was about 18 years old, in company with a brother and a cousin, he opened a store in Phelps, New York. A Yankee peddler, Jim Burnett—perchance from Ashfield, Massachusetts? discovered wild peppermint growing. Remembering how the Massachusetts farmers cultivated the plant and made oil, Burnett distilled a little, much to the astonishment of the residents. Soon some of the farmers were trying a hand at crude "stilling."

As small quantities of the oil accumulated, the farmers began taking it with their wheat to the Hotchkiss store where

Opposite page: Hiram G. Hotchkiss III pours the peppermint oil into a bottle for shipment. Left: The Hotchkiss Essential Oil Factory in earlier days. Above: The King of the Peppermint World, H. G. Hotchkiss the 1st.

Hiram accepted jugsfull in trade for goods. The supply grew until there were 1,200 pounds stashed in the store cellar.

Then Hiram decided that it was time to take the oil to New York City. What he didn't know was that Hamburg, Germany, was the world's distributing point for essential oils and that the major world supply of peppermint oil, some 15,000 pounds a year, came from Mitchem, England.

It was no easy jaunt to New York, first carting the jugs of oil to Albany, then taking them by boat down the Hudson. Once in New York, Hiram's venture seemed doomed to failure. Buyers flouted his product. Impossible that any kind of pure peppermint oil could come from a native product!

So Hiram went back to Phelps with his supply of peppermint oil but with not the remotest intention of giving up his idea that it was marketable. He bottled some, shipped it to Hamburg and then waited—waited a long time. But the results were enough to make Hiram jubilant. His peppermint oil was declared by Hamburg authorities as the purest in the world. He was now on his way!

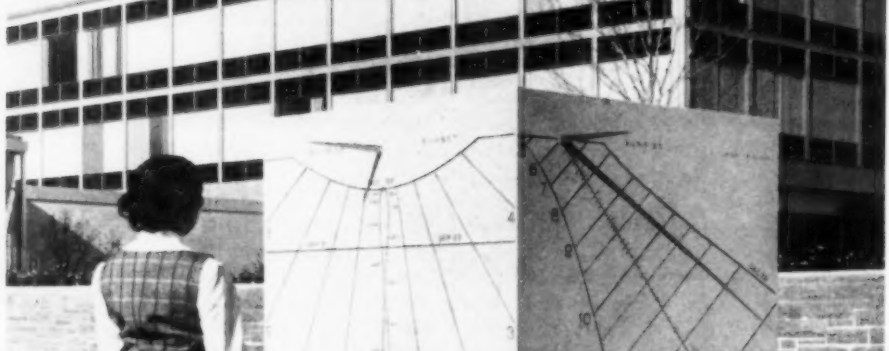
Orders began to come from Europe and to filter back through the New York market. The first two consignments were sent off in 1839 to George B. Moorehead of London and G. Meyer & Sons of Rotterdam, Holland. There were no large markets in America for the product but Hiram was making ready to challenge international competition.

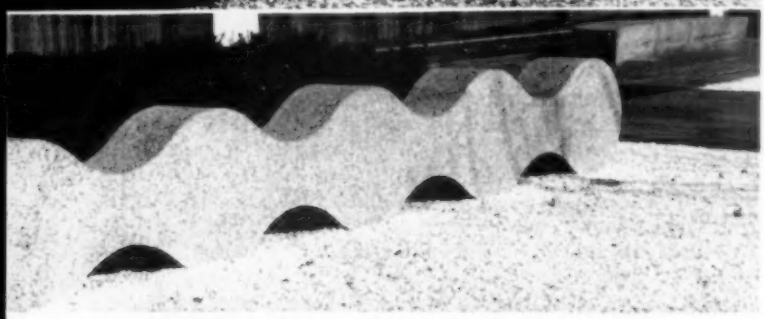
In 1841, he moved to Lyons where he put up the company building, still the site of the business. The original building burned in 1894 and H. G. III told me, "I remember sitting in my mother's lap across the street from the fire and watching my father as he tried to wrassle oil out." The office safe, although it tumbled into the cellar, was salvaged and is still in use.

Once in Lyons, Hiram settled down in earnest to corner the peppermint market of the world, which he succeeded in doing as records, letters and diaries clearly indicate. The company also dealt in other essential oils—wintergreen, spearmint, sassafras, pennyroyal, tansy and wormwood. (*Continued on page 92*)

new look for hartford

Architecture, art and science are all combined in the new quarters of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company in Hartford. Much thought has gone into the exterior planning and one of the most interesting details is the multi-faced sun dial designed by R. Newton Maill of Planning & Research Associates of Boston. The cubic sun dial tells standard, corrected standard, and apparent time, as well as the seasons. Main building is in the background.





Isamu Noguchi, world famous sculptor, has introduced some interesting variations in conservative New England lines and angles. Commissioned by the Connecticut General, his sculptures are strangely in keeping with the company's ultra-modern building. Top: A family group, consisting of child, mother and father. Middle: Sculptured seat in exterior courtyard. Bottom: A rippling sculpture sets off the interior courtyard.

AUNT BIRMAH

by LIAM DOUGHERTY

EVERY NOW AND THEN WHEN I'M feeling puny and my instinct tells me a good quahog chowder would straighten me out, I cut back across Cape Cod to the Bay side to visit a squat little Brewster house with white trim and pewter shingles.

When its proprietor, Aunt Birmah Freeman, sees me coming, she usually makes the same shrewd observation, cocking a gentian-blue eye at the weather for effect, "Wind must have got the word to Ha'wich it's Tuesday." This commentary is a dry reference to a singular coincidence. On Aunt Birmah's calendar, quahog chowder invariably falls on Tuesday; I feel puny on Tuesday.

Aunt Birmah is a small, elderly lady, born and bred to the Cape and ripened in its volatile atmosphere. There is a slight resemblance to the maternal Whistler, except for white hair drawn smoothly back, but a Whistler's Mother with a difference. That difference is "sprawl." Sprawl is an old localism that somehow eluded Webster. It was to the Caper of long ago what the spark plug is to the internal combustion engine. It was gumption, it was git-up-and-go. It was what, after an ordinary twelve-hour workday, trotted out a smoking covered-dish supper to the church basement. A Whistler portrait of Aunt Birmah would have looked like a pinwheel—unless he painted from memory.

Since Asa Freeman died twenty years ago, Aunt Birmah had lived alone and evidently liked it. Both her daughters had "dragged their anchors" (married outsiders). She always refers to her husband as A. Freeman. He spoke of her as A. B. (able-bodied) Freeman. Asa "farmed some and fished some." He was "handy," which is Cape Cod for an honorary engineering degree. He had navigated a boat and a huckleberry-white horse, both of which, by a quaint economy of nomenclature, answered to *Easter Sunday*.

Aunt Birmah's house is "set back a ways" from the King's Highway and above its level on a low knoll. A field, left rough but for its annual scything, lies between. As I cut across this on the particular afternoon I'm speaking of, I could see her talking to a girl over the short, white picket fence that muffles the multicolor explosion of flowers in the

traditional Cape dooryard. The girl was wearing green corduroy Bermuda shorts, a yellow T-shirt and red ballet slippers. A purple kerchief imperfectly concealed an away-from-home permanent. White harlequin sunglasses were, of course, the complement *de rigeur*. I at once identified the girl with the gaudy convertible that idled across the road.

When I was close enough to the house to see the lichen on the shingles, I could hear Aunt Birmah, ". . . you bear East a spell to Orleans, then come about and head due North. If your feet ain't wet, your course is set for P-town."

"I suppose accommodations will be hard to find in Provincetown?" the girl said.

"Wouldn't know about that." Aunt Birmah's eye flicked from sunglasses to slippers. "I never was to P-town. Never had any call to go. I go to Chat-ham reg'lar, though."

Let a summer person make of that what she would as she skipped through the grass to her animated hardware store. Aunt Birmah would probably never see eighty again. Just to see her standing in the bright quilt of flowers before her house, anyone would realize she had been born there—thirty miles from Provincetown as the tourist flies.

Watching her go, Aunt Birmah snapped her apron, turned to me and smiled, "I say things like that to them people from away. They seem to expect it. God-*frey!*" she snorted, "that rig won't stand out none when she fetches P-town."

"Your roses are looking well," I observed neutrally.

"Sweetbrier's on the peaked side," she said, "but the cinnamon's usual. Let's to around back 'till I get them ground-apples out of their suits or we'll have to *open* a can of chowder."

Shaken by this cruel jest, I followed her across the millstone doorstep, through the house that would have made a Boston antique dealer thrash in his sleep, and out to the grape arbor. Here I faced her in the green half-light, from one of the old deacon's benches, watching the peelings round from the potatoes as evenly as tape from a ticker. "What will it be today," I mused, "that I never knew before?" For, although the chowder itself was a pearl, the narrative overture during its concoction had, too, always been without price.

The last time I had been there I had absent-mindedly run my finger into a neat hole in the shed's curling shingles about two feet above the ground.

"As time went on and the tide went out in that bar'll, why them topers just paid out more seaweed and followed it down to the bottom."

Noticing, Aunt Birmah had said, "Bein' a word-merchant, I suppose you'd like to know about *that* hole."

Being a word-merchant who has learned to play his cards, I said I would. And when Aunt Birmah said, "That's where they run the seaweed through," I'd been smart enough to act becomingly surprised, which required almost no dramatic effort.

It seems that back in the days before the Cape Cod Canal, when shipping went around "outside," Nauset was a wreck-producing, generous beach. A token of this was the keg of rum, flotsam or jetsam, Aunt Birmah's father had brought home one day and locked in the shed untapped—much to the chagrin of the two men who had hopefully lent him a hand. However, being Capers, the men had been skeptical enough to insure against any such deficiency in hospitality by placing the cask snugly against the back wall, where an inquisitive augur could reach it handily.

"'Course, a little run out at first," Aunt Birmah smiled, "but they cal'lated good and the hole was near the top."

That's where the seaweed came in—the long, hollow, rubbery kind.

"As time went on and the tide went out in that bar'll, why them topers just paid out seaweed and followed it down to the dregs. The first pirate to suck air was a mighty disappointed man, mighty."

Today summer traffic on the highway murmured drowsily behind the more aggressive racket of the July insect world. Our comfortable silence was punctuated by the occasional exclamatory plop of a nude potato into a pan of cold water, until Aunt Birmah suddenly picked her topic for the day from her train of thought, "Them off-Cape folks all got complexions like razor clams." The reference was to her recent visitor, whose skin had been coarsened darkly—no doubt at the expense of much diligent exposure to wind and sun.

"That's a badge the vacationist wears back to the office," I explained. "Home in the city there's a bathroom shelf filled with jars and bottles that will erase the evidence when it's no longer wanted."

"Rubbish!" Aunt Birmah made a noise. "All of them mud-packs and syrups is rubbish—and I'll bet she's got a satchel full right now in the back of that auto-*mo*-bile. Bet I could teach her a thing or two. Why, that complexion lotion I make . . ."

"You make?" I studied the pink and white freshness that gave the lie to eighty years of ravaging exposure.

"Certainly I make it—and more besides." Aunt Birmah stood. "Come on into the kitchen 'till I try out that pork and dice up the rest." In the kitchen she said, "All you need is six ounces of quince-seed mucilage, an ounce of glycerine and an ounce of rose water. Into two quarts of boiling water, exactly, in an agate pan, you put that quince seed. Then set it to steep on the back of the stove."

Aunt Birmah gestured with her knife toward the glossy range, backed against a ten-foot square chimney, whose wood fire never went out the year around. Beneath it dozed Quilt, her huge black, white and orange tomcat, fortified against the possibility of a capricious July draught. Quilt's whiskers were white to starboard and black to port, "like a baseball team—nine on each side."

Sneaking out my notebook, I asked, "What else do you make with that Junior Chemistry Set of yours?"

"My best cold cream." Aunt Birmah diced onions on a deal tabletop undulant from a century of knives. "Take ten ounces of albolene—solid, not liquid. Melt it with one ounce each Japanese wax and oil of sweet almonds.

"When you take it off the fire, stir thorough while it's hardenin'. Stirrin' right's the secret of a good article. Just before it's fixin' to switch from liquid to solid, add the six drops otto of rose—that's if you want to smell pretty."

"Where would I get the otto of rose?" I said.

"Why, make it, naturally, like I'm doin'." Aunt Birmah pointed to a two-gallon glass jar, a small vial upended on its top, standing in a sunny West window. "You tamp down the rose petals in the big one and put the sponge full of

"Chowder's a godsend to him . . . ."

pure olive oil in the little one. Couple of weeks in the sun and that scent will have rose off them petals and got itself trapped in that sponge. Wring it out, and there's your product."

"So that's what makes you so nice to be near," I said, quoting some hidden persuasion.

"*That's* my cologne water." Aunt Birmah hopped from twig to twig, from table, to sink, to stove. "Take yourself a quart of alcohol, pure, and add the orange flower water, oil of bergamot, oil of lemon and oil of lavender—sixty drops each. Cork it up, shake it good and put it by to set for six weeks. After that, like them clowns say on the air, you won't *offend* nobody.

Quilt, he always seemed to like my cologne water—him bein' a flower-smellin' cat."

Which, it occurred to me at the time, was probably as good a testimonial as an advertising agency could wring from any polo-playing, society matron.

Later, loaded to the Plimsoll mark, I divorced myself gently from my soup plate. "Good!" I gurgled.

"Good today, but when it sets 'till tomorrow it'll be better," Aunt Birmah predicted. "Won't it, Quilt? Chowder's a godsend to him since his teeth left."

"Well," I said, jokingly, "I guess you had everything in your laboratory but a remedy for falling hair."

"Had tricopherous for that. Sure-fire. Rub it into the roots three, four times a day reg'lar. Used to make it for A. Freeman, but he couldn't be bothered. That's why he went 'round bald as a newel post toward the end.

"All you got to do is to put six drams of tincture of cantharides into twelve ounces of castor oil. Shake. Add three drams of oil of bergamot. Shake some more. Pour in twelve more ounces of castor oil and shake 'till mixed. If you wasn't nervous to start with, you feel like it now. If you want to pretty it up like patent medicine, heat the oil with alkanet root. Strain, and you got a nice pink."

After we had the dishes clean and back in the "butt'ry," Aunt Birmah walked with me to the front door. Looking up at an evening sky beginning to lower, I decided to try out an old Cape word I'd come across recently. "Smurrin' up for a storm?"

"Wind would have to be backening 'round to the North for that. Looks more like a tempest to me."

"What's a tempest?" I asked, back where I'd started.

"You just find that out for yourself." Aunt Birmah smiled privately. "Then the meanin'll stay by you."

Leaving, I turned: "Look, Aunt Birmah, some afternoon why don't I come by early and we'll take a ride up to Provincetown?"

"Thanks just the same," I was told. "I don't hardly go at all any more, now that I got me the television. Sometimes, them people is real comical."

When I stopped at the drug store on the way home, I stepped out into the thunder and lightning of a vivid Cape thundershower—a working model of a "tempest."

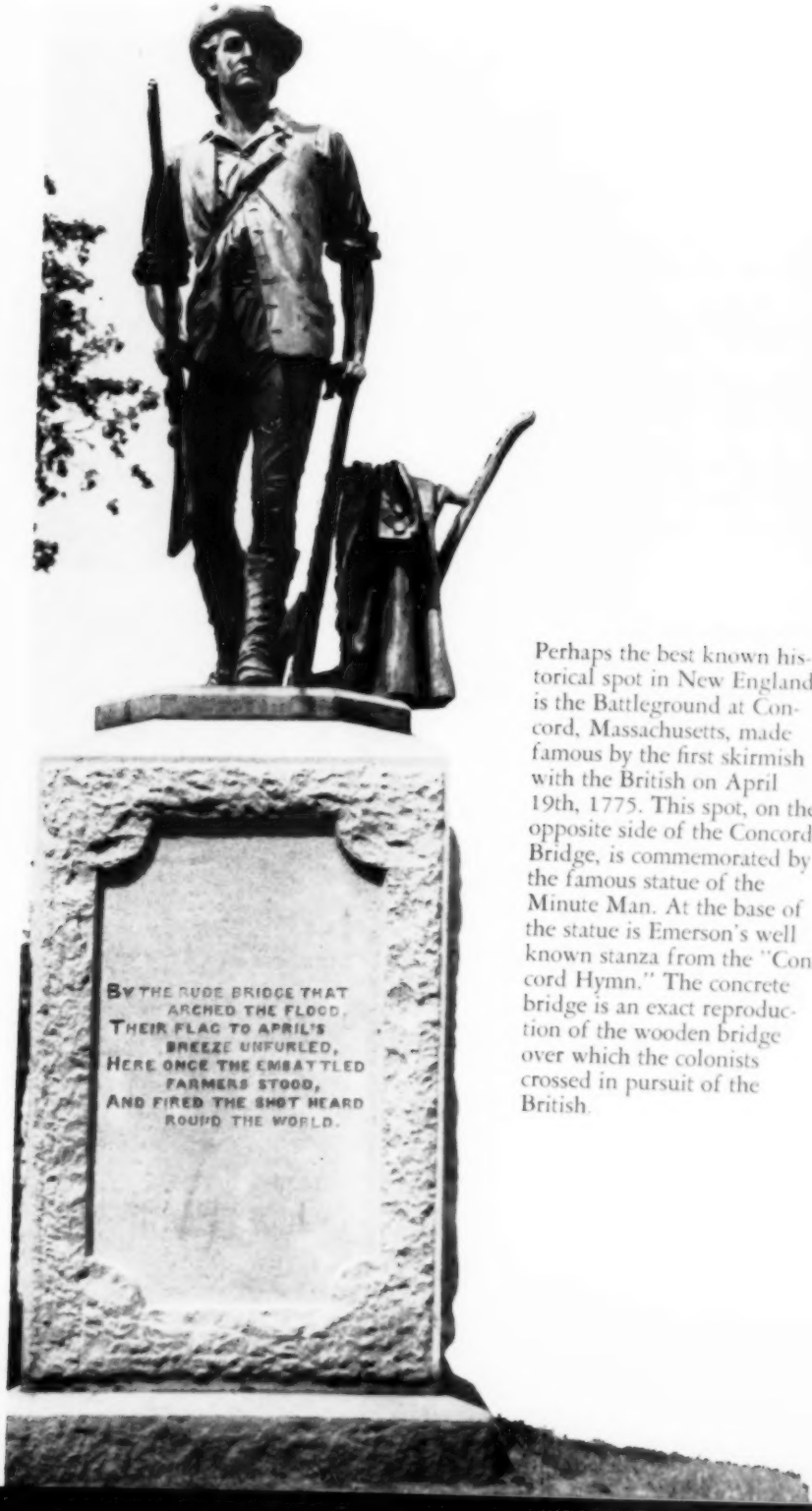
I read a little from my notebook to the pharmacist, telling him why when he asked.

"Mister," he said, "now you're talking ancient history. But we've got a nice little up-to-date item here called *My Sin*."

"No," I said, "that isn't what I'm after."

COME APRIL...

. . . the thoughts of all good Yankees turn to running things like brooks and Paul Revere and the B.A.A. Marathon. But chiefly it is a time for getting out and seeing how the rest of the region took the winter. A good time to visit some of the lesser known places of interest to New Englanders, such as Joyce Kilmer's trees and Whittier's bees. Whether you take to the road now or are merely in the planning stage, this issue of YANKEE will be a big help to you. The four color Scenic Map will show you how to plan a tour of mountains, rivers, lakes and the seacoast. The places of historical interest, on the following pages, will make side trips a pleasure and delight.



Perhaps the best known historical spot in New England is the Battleground at Concord, Massachusetts, made famous by the first skirmish with the British on April 19th, 1775. This spot, on the opposite side of the Concord Bridge, is commemorated by the famous statue of the Minute Man. At the base of the statue is Emerson's well known stanza from the "Concord Hymn." The concrete bridge is an exact reproduction of the wooden bridge over which the colonists crossed in pursuit of the British.

Right: On the famous Lexington Road stands the Alcott home known as Orchard House. Today this house contains many personal memorials of this talented family who lived there many years. It was here that Louisa began her career by writing her popular story "Little Women."

Below: On the Battle Green of Lexington, Massachusetts, stands yet another statue of a Minute Man. Most people think it but an image out of sculptor H. H. Kitson's mind. In truth, it is a likeness of a model, Arthur G. Mather of Medford, shown with his young daughter, below, before his death. Mather was chosen after 189 New England athletes were rejected. It is ironical that both Kitson and Mather were Englishmen—a fact that caused some unfavorable comment.

For two years (1845-1847) Henry David Thoreau lived on the shore of Walden Lake, near Concord, in a cabin he had built for himself. The cost of the cabin was only $28.12½. During his residence there he wrote *Walden*, which is now one of our classics of literature. Walden Lake (or Pond) is state property and the beach near the highway is visited by hundreds of bathers in the summer. Thoreau's Cove, however, is far removed from the popular beach and the woods surrounding it are still peaceful and suggestive of the descriptions in *Walden*. The site of Thoreau's cabin is marked by a cairn of stones.

Little-known places of historical interest abound in New England, such as the David Bushnell House, above, in Westbrooke, Connecticut. While not entirely successful, Bushnell made a number of experiments in 1776 with a submarine torpedo boat. He managed to stay submerged for about thirty minutes. Right: At John Greenleaf Whittier's birthplace near Haverhill, Massachusetts two old-fashioned bee skeps may still be seen. They were the inspiration for Whittier's poem *Telling the Bees*. Other objects described in the poem may be seen here. Opposite: The fireplace in the Old Ordinary, Hingham, Massachusetts, built as an inn in 1650, is characteristic of the early American fireplace. It is furnished with many of the utensils used in the early days.

This tiny building which looks like a district school was the first law school established in the United States. It was built in Litchfield, Connecticut in 1784 by Judge Tapping Reeve, whose home still remains next door. Its graduates held many important positions in the Government of the United States. The school was continued until 1833 when Yale and Harvard opened their own law schools.

Right: The Fairbanks House in Dedham, Massachusetts is said to be the oldest frame house in the United States. It was built in 1636 by Jonathan Fairbanks who brought the timbers with him from York, England. Every August the descendants of Fairbanks gather at the old homestead for an annual reunion. As many as 800 members attend. Below: In East Northfield, Massachusetts stands the birthplace of Dwight L. Moody, the world famous evangelist. Later on in life, Moody founded the Northfield Seminary for Girls and Mount Hermon School for Boys. In these schools hundreds of young people have dedicated their lives to Christian work. Opposite page, bottom: One day while Joyce Kilmer was sitting on the veranda of this farmhouse near Swanzey, New Hampshire he looked across the valley and saw a particularly fine group of maple trees. Hastily he seized a brown paper bag that happened to be near and wrote in pencil his famous twelve line poem, *Trees*.

1636

The Lord's Name in Vain?

by SAMUEL ELKIN

FAR BE IT FROM ME TO HOLD ANYone's religion in contempt. It may very well be that I have little or no use for religion at all. Including the one that was born to me. Or which I was born into, if you prefer. Yet, because religion does bring out the lurking pedant in most of us, I cannot, in all good faith, and even at this late date, feel anything but pity for poor Miss Garritano who, some 27-28 years ago, stared aghast, shocked and, if I may say so, pretty horrified at a grubby little smart-alec who stood out in the congested hallway of State Street School, screaming at the top of his lungs: "Gee-*sus* kay-*rist* aw-*mighty!* What the hellaya think this is —a goddamn picnic? Stay in line—goddamnit!"

State Street Grammer School (around 1928 or so) was, as I remember it, a rather dark but placid building dedicated to the tricky proposition that children (six to twelve) must be seen and not heard between the hours of 8:15 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon. For the most part the school functioned calmly enough under this dictum, but along about five minutes before every hour of any work-day, State Street's dim, low-ceilinged hallways became a pushing, shoving, noisy milling mess that would have taxed the patience and ingenuity of any hard-working traffic cop. The problem, you see, was strictly a transportation one—how to move some 300 suddenly liberated students from certain rooms to certain other rooms without fuss, bother, double-toil or double-trouble.

In those days (being all of eleven) I was the senior member of the Junior Indoor Police Force, a combination that confounds me today but seemed perfectly logical then. Needless to say I took my task quite seriously. It began some 60 seconds before the bell ending a class-period began. As enumerated in the *Rules and Regulations of The State Street Junior Indoor Police Handbook*, "you raise your hand high enough for the teacher to see." But one was to be careful enough so as not to confuse her into thinking one was raising a hand for other reasons. "From teacher will come a nod, which means you may leave your seat *quietly*." Then, already decked-out in my uniform (Sam Browne belt, harness, and navy-blue arm band with the prominent white letters—I P—cleverly sewn into the band) I left the room in a military manner. That is to say, in a "precise but respectful" manner, shutting the door "silently behind you." I then proceeded "rapidly but gentlemanly to your station," the approach to the stairs, east-wing, third floor, rear, the most important post in school. Those stairs were the main artery leading down to the second floor.

I had just about time to take a deep breath and then the bell rang, and out they came, pouring into the hallway.

Well—instantly I was confronted with Willie who had to tell something to Millie. He couldn't just *tell* her. He had to scream it. Even this might not have been disturbing except that Willie was at one end of the hall while Millie was at the other end. Multiplying Willie and Millie by 150, then subtracting—let's say a dozen absentees because of laryngitis and assorted colds, minus a score or so more who were dutifully bound, and even lopping off half-a-dozen others who were polishing apples for their respective teachers—still I was left with a huge, onrushing army of some 250 Pams, Sams, Gwens, Lens, Anns, Dans, Doras, Coras, Floras, Teds, Eds, Reds and Smoky

all screaming at each other in passing.

While I, according to the book, had to:

1. Always smile, no matter what the circumstance. Had to:
2. Never speak harshly to a fellow student. Had to:
3. Be courteous at all times.

Had to go through some 15 other rules and regulations for the preservation of peace and order in the hallways of State Street Grammar School. . .

GEE-SUS KAY-RIST AW-MIGHTY! WHAT THE HELLAYA THINK THIS IS—A GODDAMN PICNIC? STAY IN LINE—GOD-DAMNIT!"

The effect was instantaneous. Awe-inspiring. From one end of the hall to the other came a pause. A kind of shocked indrawn breath. Then sweet silence.

Order.

Peace.

Quiet.

I say to you solemnly it was a deeply moving moment. A moment such as comes perhaps only once in one's lifetime. Which it did. Once in my lifetime, and just for one moment. For in the very next one that came along I was staring up into the face and eyes of a horrified Miss Garritano.

I saluted smartly. That, of course, was not in the Handbook. Possibly I felt the need for a sharp display of dignity. But Miss Garritano was not impressed. In a voice that melted my military bearing, she said: "Come with me, young man."

I went with her. To an empty classroom. No classroom was ever so empty, so cold, so fraught with the silences that make small boys perform the shifting-leg dance.

Finally, Miss Garritano opened her attack with: "Young man, are you a Christian?"

In this safe distance of time, I'm sure poor Miss Garritano meant nothing untoward by her question. She was simply asking are you Christian as opposed to Heathen. But in those days I had a literal mind so I answered: "No, M'am. Jewish."

That did seem to stop her. But only for a moment. She regained her composure even as mine wilted completely away.

"Then surely," she said, "you *know* you have taken The Lord's Name In Vain."

I shook my head.

"How *dare* you deny it?"

"I only said . . ."

"I *know* what you only said, young man. And *I* say you took The Lord's Name In Vain."

Poor Miss Garritano. She was all of forty then, a rather bony-looking woman, strict, obviously opinionated, though, I'm sure, a decent person at heart.

"Well, young man?"

Besides, I was thinking of old Father Duggan who had his church around our way, and who was always getting into our stick-ball games in his courtyard. I was recalling one particular day when he took a prodigious swing at the ball, slipped, went flying and cracked his bottom with a unmistakable: Goddamnit!—then peeked up into The Lord's countenance and murmured a plaintive, apologetic: Forgive me, O Lord, but that one really hurt.

"You haven't answered me, young man."

I could see it was hopeless. Father Duggan, I knew, would be more understanding but he wasn't there to help me. So I finally said: "I apologize."

"Ah!" she said triumphantly.

"Yes M'am," I said.

These many years have passed and I have had much time to think things over. If, by any chance, Miss Garritano is in the audience (it's very unlikely)—but if she is I must, here and forever more, insist that I did *not* take The Lord's Name In Vain.

How could it be in vain? Didn't it work? Didn't they shut up? Didn't she see with her own eyes the way they hopped-to-it? Hear with her own ears the sudden sweet silence? Could that *possibly* be in vain?

Poor Miss Garritano, so confined in her religious viewpoint, couldn't realize that it was the only language those kids could understand.

Personality Portfolio

WAY DOWN EAST IN STONINGTON, Maine Gordon MacKay publishes a little weekly newspaper called *Island Ad-Vantages*. It is a one-man, one-room enterprise, although his wife, Helen, and two children help out when needed. Not having a linotype, Gordon sets type by hand with a speed and facility that would amaze the journeyman printers of yesterday.

Editorials are the real feature of the paper, although advertisers find it pays off for them. Although almost everyone knows everyone in Stonington, they like to read about each other's activities. "Norman Giles was over in his boat today from Great Wass Island. Howdy, Norm." "Mrs. George Prescott is taking summer boarders on Isle au Haut. They are sure of plenty to eat." "The ladies of the Methodist Church are giving a bean supper Saturday night. Don't forget those lemon pies."

Island Ad-Vantages has reached a circulation of five thousand and editor MacKay is thinking about a linotype. It would give him a little more time for his insurance and real estate business, to say nothing of many other interests.

Marc T. Greene

THE NEXT AMERICA CUP DEFENDER may come off the top of a piano!

Top naval architect C. Raymond Hunt has designed a Twelve Meter yacht for Chandler Hovey of Boston. One of four such yachts will be chosen to challenge the British vessel *Sceptre* next September, and if Ray's design wins the most coveted yachting prize in the world, she will be a country gal at heart. Not unlike his chief rival in naval architecture, Olin Stephens, who designed a Twelve Meter also competing, Ray prefers the country life when he can get away from the sea. His home in Tilton, New Hampshire is a comfortable old house with a beautiful view of four mountains. The kitchen contains the original brick ovens and stoves used in 1785. His drawing board is an old grand piano in the living room and here Ray designs some of the most famous yachts in America. Ray may play the instrument occasionally, but what comes off the top are pure winners!

Paule Loring

RESEARCH REVEALS NEW ENGLAND IS HEALTHIEST PART OF THE U.S.— PEOPLE LIVE LONGER !!
HIRAM LONGFACE
UNDERTAKER
GOING OUT OF BUSINESS
SALE ON CASKETS
WHO'S THAT WHIPPERSNAPPER HEY ?
ALDEN SHOAN'S BOY- IT'S HIS BIRTHDAY JUST TURNED SEVENTY
DON'T TELL ME THAT'S MORE BUTTONS ?
A ROCKLAND MAINE, LADY ADVERTISED FOR OLD UNDERWEAR BUTTONS, LAST YEAR → SHE'S STILL GETTING THEM !
LAW SAYS YOU GOT TO GIVE IT BACK
OVER MY DEAD BODY !
HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT ?
HOW MUCH WILL YOU GIVE ?
THE OLD MAN'S TIDDER !
GOVERNMENT ASKING AROOSTOOK POTATO FARMERS HOW MUCH IT'S WORTH TO STOP GROWING SPUDS !" THIS WILL TAKE TIME !!
SUPERMARKET GIVEAWAY PRIZES BRANDED LOTTERIES AT ANDROSCOGGIN, MAINE.
A FINE THING ! ALL THEY DO IS ARGUE WHILE WE STAND OUT HERE IN THE COLD
GEORGIA, VT
COWS MOVED OUT - BARN USED FOR TOWN MEETING -
THAR SHE GOES AGAIN
BONG
BONG
BONG
BONG
BONG
BONG
SOME KIND OF TOMFOOLERY GOIN' ON
BAPTIST CHURCH CLOCK AT CAMDEN, MAINE, BREAKS RECORD !! STRIKES SIXTY ONE TIMES !
YANKEE

THAT'LL LEARN YA
STORM BREAKS ALL RECORDS FOR SHOVELING!
HERE IS A SCENE IN MASSACHUSETTS
QUONNIES
BATTLE OF NARRAGANSETT BAY: PROPOSED OIL REFINERY SUNK WITHOUT A TRACE BY A ONE MAN ARMY
DID YOU ENJOY YOUR VACATION
KNOW SUTHIN', PETE? THA'S TH BES' LIL OL' STEW WE EVER HAD
SHORE WAS FAZZER
VISITORS TO MAINE WILL BE ASKED HOW THEY LIKED IT!!
NEWS ITEM: "MEGUNTICOOK FISH AND GAME ASS'N. HAD A SCALLOP STEW THAT DULLED THEIR SENSES SO MUCH THEY DIDN'T TEND THEIR TRAPS ALL DAY".
WHERE YA BIN? OVER TO CENTER SANDWICH THEY GIT SOMETHIN' DONE FOR THEIR TAXES
HOLD YER HOSSES
THEY'RE REALLY ROCKIN' IN BOSTON
ME FOR NORTH CHICHESTER
GITTIN TO BE ONE OF THE NOISIEST TOWNS IN THE COUNTRY
YESSIR CENTER SANDWICH, N.H. HAS REAL SERVICE! FELLER SHOVELS YOU OUT WHILE YOU WAIT.
TIN TINNABULATIONS
MANCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD SAYS HOMEWORK FOR 5TH, 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADES
THREE CHEERS FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD

the Devil's Tail

STURBRIDGE VILLAGE MASSACHUSETTS, like Williamsburg, Virginia, is a pleasant place in which to roam and dawdle in the sunshine and learn something of the way our ancestors lived and wrought. Last fall I made a visit there, of which the highlights were a long talk on the village green with Bill Bonyun, the resident ballad singer, and my arrival at the clock house at high noon when for five minutes or so all the beautiful old clocks from grandfather to banjo struck twelve times like a flock of birds singing in a tree. And I also must not forget the man in the cabinet-maker's shop who showed me the art and mystery of setting an old wooden plane.

But the main event was my call at the print shop of Isaiah Thomas, built at Worcester, Massachusetts, in the 1780's which has been moved to Sturbridge. Like his fellow-printer Benjamin Franklin, Isaiah was a patriotic, attractive, and benignant man. As a young journeyman printer he roamed the Atlantic seaboard from Nova Scotia to Charleston, South Carolina. He printed the "Massachusetts Spy" and the "Massachusetts Magazine," and, among other books, the first dictionary and the first book of Mother Goose rhymes to be printed in America. He issued, in 1810, "The History of Printing in America," still a standard work on the subject. When he printed in Boston, he had his office for a time in Marshall's Lane, one of my favorite Boston streets. He founded print shops with himself as a senior partner in several Massachusetts and New Hampshire towns, also as far west as Albany, and as far south as Baltimore. In connection with his main establishment in Worcester, he erected a papermill and set up a bindery, and he had a hand in the operation of eight bookstores. Like Franklin again, he knew how to get other men to work for him, and he thereby got rich enough to endow the expert American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, which now proudly houses the small London-made press on which he began his trade as a printer.

So I entered his shop with some interest. There I found the Village printer standing beside an old hand press which he later told me the Sturbridge people thought once belonged to James Franklin, the Boston printer to whom his younger brother Benjamin was once apprenticed. For the benefit of his tourist audience, the printer fitted a sheet of paper into the tympan, closed the frisket over it, inked the plates with a roller, which he explained should have been a leather ball (what he should also have

THE DEVIL IN NEW ENGLAND

#2 in a series

by HORACE REYNOLDS

explained, and didn't, was that he was printing from two plates, not from movable type), ran the carriage in, and pulled the long curved bar which brings down the platen and makes the required impression. As he repeated the performance for the second impression, pulling the snaky bar a second time, he said, referring to the bar in his hand, "This was called the *devil's tail*, and hence the *printer's devil*, the boy who manned it."

As the printer made this remark we all nodded sagely, and I could see that piece of folklore walking out of that shop into every state of the Union. Thus is folklore dispensed wholesale.

Now *printer's devil* is a well-known phrase, perhaps the best known slang phrase of the printer's trade, but I had never heard of *devil's tail*, and, as, later at home, I searched one dictionary after another for it, I began to wonder if the printer had made it up himself. Then I remembered the logic of language. People do make up words once in a blue moon, but it's pretty hard to catch them at it. Words travel; they are seldom made up.

After some search I finally discovered the phrase in Thornton's "American Glossary," where it was quoted from "The Boston Evening-Post" for October 14, 1765. On page 2 of the newspaper I found the expression in some lines from a poem, signed B.C., which was part of the strong agitation against the Stamp Act, news of which had recently reached Boston:

The *Paper* which retails the weekly news,
Seems also bent the St—p A—t to refuse:
And cries, 'Oh (*sic*) hard indeed must my fate be,
If from the D—l's foot I mayn't be free,
To bear the D—l's Tail's*enough for me.'

The asterisk after *Tail's* informed the reader, at the bottom of the column, that the *devil's tail* was "vulgar Name for a part of a Printing Press." Later still I found the phrase on the other side of the country, in a printer's dictionary published in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1941. There it was defined more exactly as "A printer's term for the lever of a hand press." So, as I had surmised, the demonstrator wasn't making the phrase up. It had been on the lips of American printers for nigh unto two hundred years.

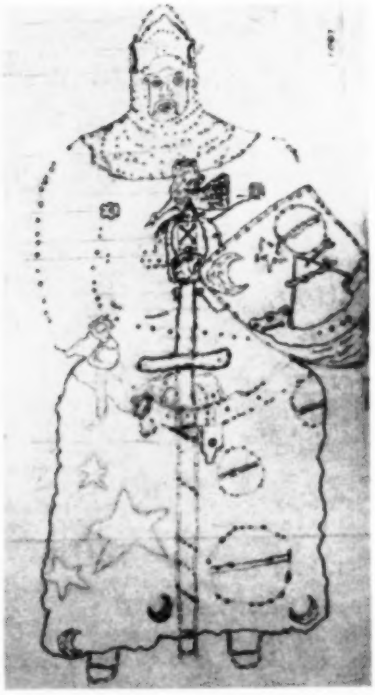
Printer's devil, the phrase which the demonstrator associated with *devil's tail*, is, of course, a well recorded term, but there is some doubt as to its origin. It is first recorded in English in the first English book on printing, Moxon's "Mechanic Exercises," 1683. Says Old Moxon:

> The *Press-man* sometimes has a Week-Boy to *Take-Sheets*, as they are Printed off the Tympan: These Boys do in a Printing-House, commonly black and Dawb themselves; whence the Workmen do Jocosely call them *Devils;* and sometimes *Spirits*, and sometimes *Flies*.

Here Moxon ascribes the phrase *printer's devil* to the inky blackness achieved by the week-boy (a boy hired by the week—as a journeyman was originally a man hired to work by the day—in distinction to an apprentice). He says these boys were also called *spirits*, the meaning of which (*Continued on page 104*)

by Lawrence F. Willard

Westford's Mysterious Knight



Frank Glynn's drawing of the mysterious figure he found in Westford.

If evidence uncovered by Frank Glynn, Assistant Postmaster of Clinton, Connecticut, is to be believed Europeans were wandering around Massachusetts a century or more before Columbus made his famous voyage.

Glynn, an amateur archaeologist, has long been interested in such things as the underground stone beehives in Acworth, New Hampshire, and in Upton, Massachusetts, and other stonework of ancient and unknown origin scattered throughout New England.

Archaeologists from many amateur societies as well as archaeological students have puzzled over such interesting finds as the North Salem, New Hampshire ruins. Here excavations have revealed an acre and a half of underground walls, some still standing and supporting roofs. Some of the masonry weighs from 15 to 25 tons, and is similar to some found in Europe of a very early period.

Other ruins on the Maine coast and the famous stone tower at Newport, Rhode Island, are generally believed to be the work of Norsemen or Vikings, although some researchers think the Newport tower may have been built by early Basque fishermen as a lighthouse. (See Yankee, March 1954) Lief Erickson's annals record that his Vikings landed and established a camp in North America in 1003, but the location is not known.

This recent discovery by Glynn in Westford, Massachusetts, may provide more definite information as to who was at that particular spot, anyway, and approximately when. He believes that an image punched into a rock ledge, apparently by blows from an ironworker's tools, is the portrait of a Scottish nobleman in the full armor of the 14th century.

The existence of this image came to Glynn's attention following the publica-

tion of a book, "Merlin's Island," by Prof. T. C. Lethbridge of the University Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Cambridge, England. Glynn was interested in Dr. Lethbridge's beliefs that there were probably frequent voyages made to America from the British Isles, principally by Irish missionaries, dating back to before Lief Ericson and his Norsemen.

Glynn wrote to Dr. Lethbridge and a lively pen friendship began. Glynn sent his friend all the books he could find on the subject of early visits to America. One of these was a book by W. G. Goodman, "Greater Ireland in America," which contained a drawing of an image found on a rock in Massachusetts.

Goodman, an amateur archaeologist of long standing, and many times president of the Lowell Historical Society, had interpreted the drawing as representing an 11th Century Norse "broken sword." Dr. Lethbridge on receiving the book from Glynn recognized that the drawing clearly showed a hand and half-wheel pommel sword of Medieval European vintage. He wrote to Glynn and urged him to rediscover the ledge.

"Strip back the dirt and see if you don't find something like this," Dr. Lethbridge said. He enclosed a sketch of a knight of the 14th Century.

It took Glynn two years to locate the ledge. Goodman had died and his reference to the ledge being only one of "in Massachusetts" covered a lot of territory. About 7:30 one evening in 1954 Glynn and his small daughter, Cindy, stopped in Westford. In reply to their usual inquiries, they were told that there was an unusual Indian drawing on a rock less than a mile from where they were. Glynn wasn't, at the moment, interested in Indian works of art. It took Cindy to prevail upon him to see what it was.

"The sword jumped right out at us as we looked at it," says Glynn, "We had found the right ledge at last."

On weekends Glynn began digging and as Dr. Lethbridge had thought, there was more to the drawing. For years the residents of Westford had proudly

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Glynn connects punchmarks in the rock with chalk lines to reveal the strange, life-size figure of a Scottish knight, who may have been an explorer in the 14th century.

NINE DAY CONVERSATION

by EDNAH CROSBY FARRIER

ONCE IN APRIL A YANKEE WHO was soon to be famous was coming up the coast from the South. He was aboard the sloop *William* out of St. Augustine, Florida. A nine-day talk-fest between him and a fellow traveler was to affect the lives of both. He was Ralph Waldo Emerson and his "ship-mate" was a nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte.

Not many, perhaps, of those home-coming New Englanders who have just seen the Murat House at "Belle Vue" outside Tallahassee, or the Prince Murat House in St. Augustine, are likely to connect their former owner, Charles Louis Napoleon Achille Murat, with the sage of Concord, Massachusetts. Or with the voyage which both men remembered.

But here aboard the *William* in 1827 was the 26 year old French plantation owner and the 24 year old minister who had been given enough money to go South by his uncle Samuel Ripley. Deadly calms and bad storms stretched the usual one-to-three-day trip between St. Augustine and Charleston, South Carolina into nine days, including a stop at St. Mary's for food.

"We talked incessantly," Emerson wrote to his brother William. What in the world could these young men of such different backgrounds talk about? Emerson had just recovered his badly broken health and was looking forward to preaching; Murat had spent part of his childhood in a Paris palace, lived in an Austrian castle at 18, and had been Crown Prince of Naples. "A new event is added to the quiet history of my life," Emerson wrote home, "I love and honor this intrepid doubter. . . . He is a philosopher, scholar, man of the world . . . ardent lover of truth." And Murat later wrote to Emerson: "The state of my mind has been altered since our meeting."

While living on the Florida frontier Murat had seen pioneer fanaticism in the revival "camp meetings" which he had taken for granted was an important form of American Protestant religion. Although he had stayed with his uncle Joseph Bonaparte in Bordentown, New Jersey and visited in New York, Washington and Charleston, he had never been to New England. He had evidently never met an American of his own age who was willing to "swap thoughts" so completely. He did not know there were Americans such as this wise young Yankee. That he changed many of his opinions is shown in the books which he later wrote for Europeans about America.

As for Emerson—some of the knots which had been in his mind as he rolled that green orange along the Florida beach had been loosened. He had gained many pounds to add to his spare frame. And now aboard the *William* was Murat, a man not only witty but mellowed by background, reading and experience. What delight to argue openly with him! An occasional hearty laugh probably echoed over the water off the Georgia coast.

The sloop finally put in at Charleston. Two travelers who were now calling one another "friend" said good-bye—Murat to go on to his uncle Joseph's estate in New Jersey, Emerson to visit in Charleston and Philadelphia. Although there was later correspondence the two men never met again. Murat (who had married a grandniece of George Washington) had twenty more years of Florida pioneering and European adventure before he died in Florida in April 1847.

But the memory of that trip on the Atlantic lingered for Emerson. Three years later he was to say: "I would pay a hundred dollars to live a little while with Murat." And many years later in his essay "Society and Solitude" he wrote: "If we recall the rare hours when we encountered the best persons, we there found ourselves. . . . That was society, though in the transom of a brig or on the Florida keys."

Poetry

Boy and Tree

MARY BALLARD DURYEE

Counting ten for hide and seek
the bark is rough against his cheek
and wide-flung arms have tightly pressed
the trunk against his aching breast.
Tight-pressed eyelids light and spark
stars that tingle in his dark—
dark that he can only bear
knowing that the tree is there.
Then a signal, treble-shrill,
echoes from the listening hill:
Ten! I'm ready! Ten . . . At last
boy is free and tree stands fast.

Paper Weight

ALICE CLEAR MATTHEWS

The moth impinged on cotton,
Dried spray of meadow bloom beside it,
Lies in this crystal tomb,
This convex round of glass.
Exposed to the reflective eye come to the desk
To snare its thoughts, to write,
You halt them, fallen from your summer day.
Drained of your color,
Drained of your motion on the summer air,
You and the flower are leaden to my hand
Under this heavy roof of glass.
Better by far were death invisible,
Better the papers idly drift away,
Riffled by winds that cross the open casement
From where a moth should flutter
And a flower blow.

In Memoriam: F.S.K.

Out of a cushioned chaos he sought peace,
Small as his catboat . . .
And he sailed away
To nowhere farther than the reach of day.

Sail, sheet and tiller were his sure release
Along the tide-stunned Sheepscott and the bay
That worries at Cape Cod: that longshore hook
Clutching the Boston freight.

The spyglass look
Of navy brass well suited him. And when he
came to drown
In his own liquid lungs on Beacon Street,
The captain, stripped of ship, alone went down.

H.K.

Slum

FELIX STEFANILE

This is the town
where only the young
happen, and in Spring
the streets grow games.

Boys in red sweaters,
girls with boys' habits
darting in and out
of the traffic, on

tricky machines of flesh,
get in the way.
Horns warn. Motorists lean
out of windows; they

swear; they feel silly.
Sometimes, Spring is announced
with headlines, like BOY
KILLED BY TRUCK, and

then, though he couldn't
tell their names, we
place wreaths of flowers
on his obedient grave.

Dawn

ERIC BARKER

Suddenly from the trees,
into their clear aerial sea
the birds take flight.
Heart-beat, from beat of wing,
learn what your province is,
and where it lies.

With these dawn-bathing wings
dissolve in lovely ease,
and in your natural element pursue
the purpose of the birds.

Be that same freedom-stroke,
the dedicated pulse
asking no more of love
than what it freely gives.

Release that captive bird,
the falcon on the wrist,
whose own escape is yours,
whereby you both are blessed.

. . . they climbed the rigging and disappeared.

Seagoing Superstitions

GLOUCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS WAS a flourishing fishing port for well over two hundred years before the advent of engines. During this period of all sail, the fishermen adopted a large number of superstitions.

The uninitiated may doubt the reasoning behind the faith put in them. But it is well for garrulous unbelievers to be diplomatic about it within hearing of the few old-timers still living who fished under sail. They can cite instances to prove the efficacy of all of them.

They were certainly an important part of the folklore of the hardiest group of men ever to wrest a living from nature. These men were the greatest insurance risk of their day. The average loss per annum, during the height of the development of the fishing industry under sail, was about thirty men and seven vessels. There is no question regarding the bravery of the fishermen, but they were not foolhardy. They would do anything to prevent shoal water from being under their lee rail in a full gale. With the knowledge of the appalling loss of life, it is easier to understand how they could come to associate certain acts, signs and omens with disaster.

Colored mittens were considered very bad luck and nothing but the virgin yarn as it came from the spinning wheel was acceptable—this also held true for nippers. No fisherman ever turned a hatch cover upside down—a landlubber, unwary enough to do so, was made to feel very sorry indeed. To mention the word "pig" aboard a vessel would result in the most dire consequences. Nothing could be done against the sun—such as coiling a rope. A suitcase was quite sinister—especially a black one. Whistling was sure to bring a gale and no Gloucester-man ever sailed on Friday.

A jinx was the worst of all. A good example of a jinx was a fellow who was unusually lucky, but who kept all the luck for himself. He was shipwrecked and the only one rescued. On his very next trip he was shipwrecked again and was again the only one saved. After such a demonstration of being so unlucky to his shipmates, no one would sail with him. He had to work ashore and, for as long as he lived, the most superstitious of the fishermen always crossed their fingers, crossed themselves, or made some other sign to dispel the jinx, whenever they met him.

By far the most interesting of these beliefs peculiar to the fishermen gained almost mystical proportions. It was referred to as "The Dream." Implicit faith was placed in it by all who were familiar with its unfailing power to forecast catastrophe. According to legend, it happened many times during the long history of fishing. It happened at least once in living memory.

One spring the vessel involved was towed to the owner's wharf from Smith

Cove where she had been moored for the winter. A watchman was put aboard, as was customary when a vessel was being "fitted out," to protect the stores and valuable gear from waterfront thieves.

The cook went aboard a couple of days before sailing time to bake his bread and prepare some grub ahead for a hungry crew who ate three "squares" a day and five or six "mug-ups." He was well along with his preparations when the watchman dropped in to tell him about a strange dream he had the night before. He dreamt he saw *the crew of the vessel climb the rigging and disappear off the crosstrees.*

The cook was well-versed in fishing folklore. It was "The Dream" and he knew its significance—it was the omen of death. He threw his personal gear ashore and refused to sail.

Another cook was signed on and the vessel sailed on schedule. After rounding Eastern Point, she was never sighted again. No trace of her was ever found—she was lost with "all hands."

A. B. Stockbridge

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[The following tale comes from an old diary, dated 1883. It is a verbatim report of a story about Cape Cod, told to the writer of the diary by her grandfather, Miller Nickerson, of South Dennis, Massachusetts. He was, in 1883, retired from the sea, where he had captained a coast-wise ship for many years. In the early '80's he and his wife were in the habit of spending several weeks each winter with their married daughter in Vermont. The grand-daughter was at home and wrote down a number of her grandfather's reminiscences, of which this is only a sample.]

VERY RESPECTABLE FOLKS ON THE Cape believe in spiritualism. There's Cap'n Sam Smith, now, ain't a nicer, cleaner, soberer man anywhere 'round. Believes in it? My, yes, he does. I met him the other day. "Well, Cap'n Miller," says he. "I'm growin' old. I want ter be gone."

I tried to talk him off. "Why should I want ter stay?" says he. "I've got old, my two wives is dead, an' all my children married and got families; why should I?"

Cap'n Smith had a son—you remember him, Almiry?—David, David Smith. Well, he went off one time fishing off coast of Newfoundland. I met Cap'n Smith one day—you know he always stops to talk. Nice, sober looking man, hair white as snow, and a great baird down to his waist.

"Well," says I. "Cap'n Smith, how are ye?"

"Um," says he. "My son's drownded."

"What?" says I. "When?"

"Yes," says he, as solemn as ever was. "My son David. We've had a communication from the spirit land. He's lyin' off the Banks. Ship's just so, in a sort of valley, 'tween two rocks, underneath the water. I see it as plain as day. There they be, 'leven on 'em, lyin' round, some on the rocks, some on the ship. There's David on the ship."

Well, he run on like that a while and I let him. But a few days after it all come out. The ship had got foul, and had run into one of them capes up there—Kelso, Cape Kelso, that's it—for provision and water. A mackerel fisher from the Cape was there, too, but got off before they did. The captain of the mackereler he come home—I forget his name, but never mind—and he was round and happening to meet Cap'n Smith, the old Cap'n went over the same story to him.

"What?" says he. "Your son, David Smith, drowned? Not ef I knows it. I saw him last week at Cape Kelso—run in for victuals, be home tomorrow or next day. Come round with me and meet him."

A while after, Cap'n Smith was going by and I stopped him.

"Well, Cap'n" says I, "How about that boy of yours that was lying on the bottom of the ocean?"

He was as excited as could be, hands trembled, and voice.

"Lying' spirits, they was!" says he. "Lyin' spirits!." yelling at the top of his lungs, and on he went.

Alice C. Perry

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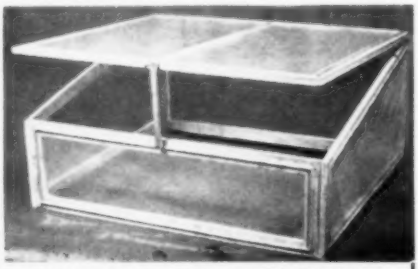

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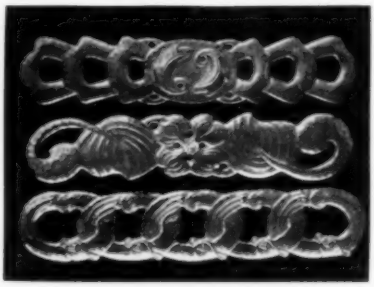

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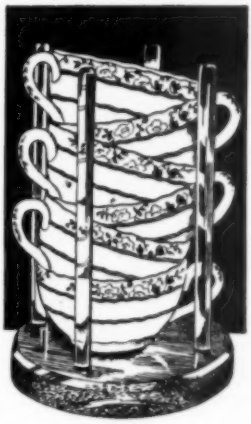

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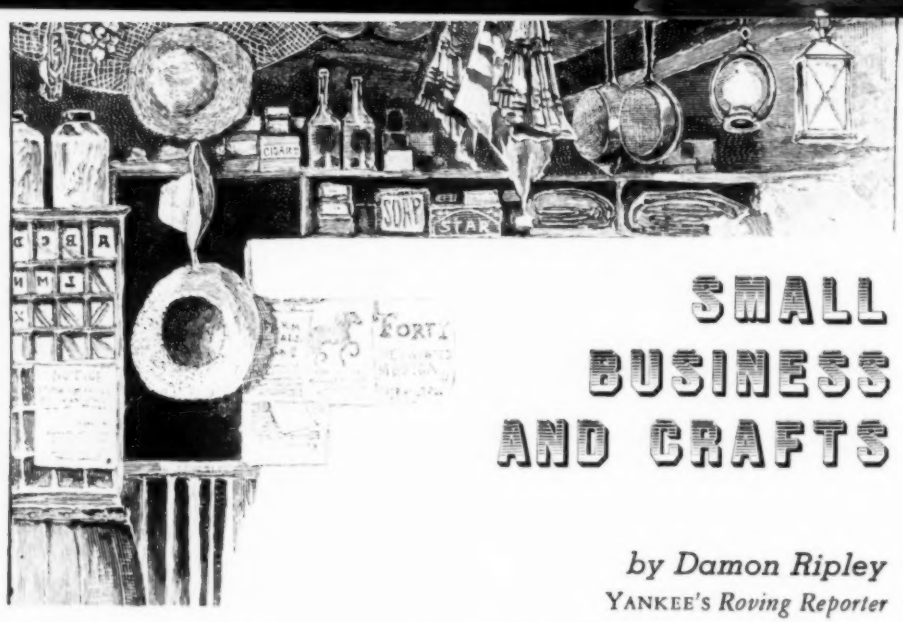

SMALL BUSINESS AND CRAFTS

by Damon Ripley
YANKEE'S *Roving Reporter*

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PLYMOUTH POTTER

Katharine Alden, a direct descendent of John Alden's son, Joseph, nine generations away, runs the Plymouth Pottery in Plymouth, Massachusetts. In renovating the house which houses her business, she found it to be the Richard Sparrow house, build in 1636. The workrooms are in the cellar and here Katharine teaches the art of pottery making she loves so well.

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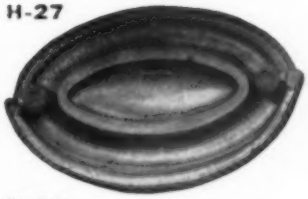

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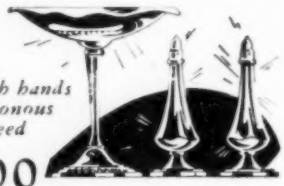

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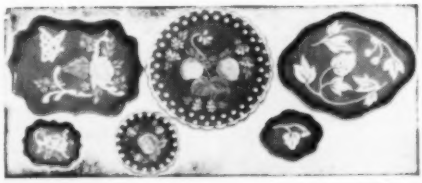

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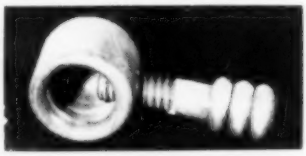

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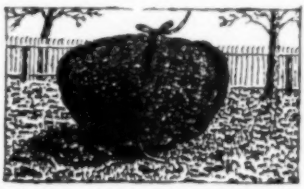

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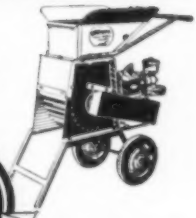

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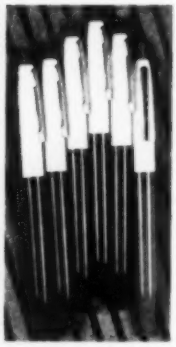

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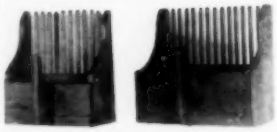

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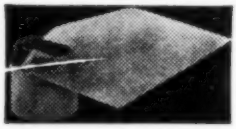

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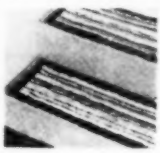

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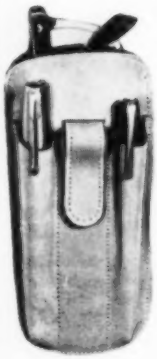

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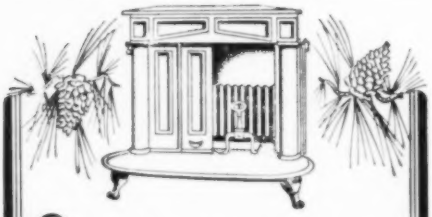

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■ Did you ever want to dash off to Kilimanjaro in Africa, Pitcairn Island in the South Pacific, the Casbah in Algiers or to the very wastes of the North Pole?

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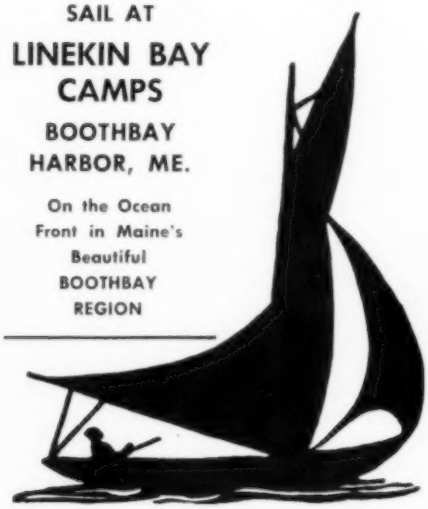

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Westford's Mysterious Knight

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shown, as an authentic relic of Indian days, the picture to visitors. Old time residents remembered climbing on the rock when they were youngsters. They had been intrigued by what appeared to be the figure of an Indian Chief about 20 inches high. The "Indian" turned out to be the hilt of a sword and a bird crest, probably a hunting hawk or falcon, perched on a jeweled helmet. The entire figure, when uncovered, was life-sized.

Glynn made drawings of the figure and later made plaster casts of it. He described his find in the January Bulletin (1957) of the Eastern States Archeological Federation in which he said:

"It now appears possible . . . there exists on Westford Hill a rough, life-sized portrayal of a late 14th Century knight in full length surcoat."

Glynn's tracing shows the features of the knight's face in an open vizored helmet, shows crest, long sword with scabbard, a dagger in the knight's right hand,

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Glynn has produced experimental marks similar to these on the ledge. He used blacksmith tools: pointed punches, pee dee hammer, and a flat headed hammer with a thick, blunt claw. These tools could have been found in the kit of a 14th century traveling metal worker or armorer.

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"It was when we began to work out the trademarks on the shield that the hair began to rise on the backs of our necks," says Glynn. "Dr. Lethbridge did not at once recognize the brooch emblem, but investigation with aid from the Lion, King of Arms, the official Herald of Scotland, revealed that the design had been on the shields of several branches of the Orkney Sinclairs, a Scottish family."

An 1873 English translation of the Zeno narrative indicates that Harry Sinclair, the Earl of Orkney, led a 14th century exploring party to the Western Atlantic. Was it this party, then, that left this portrait on the rock in what would one day be the Commonweath of Massachusetts?

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Glynn makes no guess as to how the lamp got to America, though he points out that the Romans had ships 250 feet long . . . bigger than Columbus used.

"So much of this business is speculation," says Glynn, "that it's a wonderful thing when we make a find like the knight on the rock. For every discovery like this there are dozens which work out to nothing. Little by little, however, we are finding out something about these early visitors to our shores."

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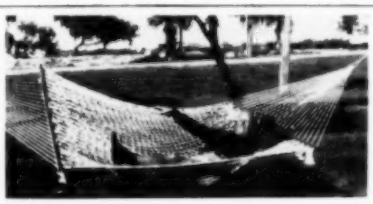

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Bottling was a problem when Hiram started marketing the oil. Fortunately for him, at that point, the Ely Glass Works in Clyde began to manufacture a handsome, deep blue, lipped bottle holding 21 ounces. He decided to use this bottle and with it actually established the standard packaging for essential oils. When the glass works went out of business the bottles had to be changed from blue to amber. Until 1956, bottles were blown for the firm from its own molds. Miss Hotchkiss said that she has since been unable to find a glass company in the United States that will blow bottles from privately-owned molds.

To meet present day manufacturing demands for essential oils, and in addition to the old original 21 ounce bottle packing, Hotchkiss packs in 400 pound drums, in 20 pound tins and in cases of three-and-a-half pound bottles, designed by H. G. III in the 1930's to meet specific importing regulations of many European countries.

As soon as Hiram had a market established, he set about increasing plantings of mint in Wayne County. He put in extensive fields of his own and the local farmers began raising mint as a cash crop. At one time Lyons was literally surrounded with peppermint fields and many a farmer paid off the mortgage with this crop.

Hotchkiss has two distilleries of his own and there were an estimated 100 stills operating in the area. The plant is settled in along the hillside above Lock 27 of the New York Barge Canal System. The old section of the Erie Canal ran by the rear of the factory and the wicker-encased demi johns of oil and other supplies were hauled up and let down to the packet boats through a trap door.

The old "canawlers" used to joke about the approach to Lyons. For miles down the canal they whiffed air heavy with the aromatic scent of peppermint, sometimes overpowering in hot weather.

Hiram imported peppermint roots from Mitchem, England, to cross with native

stock. This increased the native yield and developed what is known as Black Mint. Little mint is grown now in Wayne County. The rich soil proved much more profitable when turned to dairy and truck farming.

The essential oil is shipped into Lyons from Michigan and northern Indiana. There, oddly enough, the mint is raised and distilled by descendants of the farmers who originally grew it in Wayne County but left to join the Westward movement.

Prior to World War II, the company advertised only through its displays at International Expositions where its oils always were awarded first prize medals for quality and purity. The medals—17 first prizes—are stowed away in the Lyons bank. The flagons used for displaying the oils were exquisite hand blown pieces several of which are retained by the family.

Hotchkiss oils first won international recognition at the 1851 exposition in New York City. In 1868, Hiram took an extensive trip to Europe and correspondence with his sons during this time is filled with information on international trade. The firm continues to do business with companies that were among Hiram's first customers.

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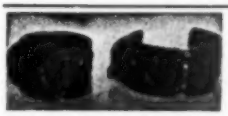

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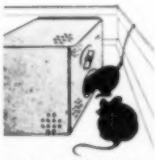
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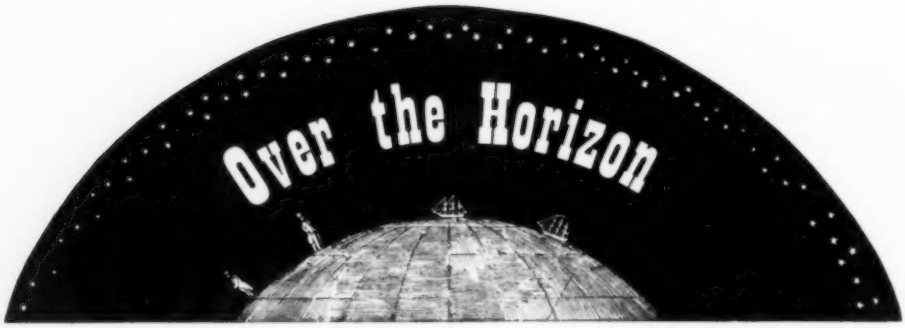

by JEAN BURDEN

YANKEE MAGAZINE CERTAINLY turns up in the darndest places. I have been chuckling all morning over a packet of snapshots from the Fiji Islands, a spot I have always considered so remote that there was slight chance of my even finding it on a map. Like Graustark I wasn't sure it wasn't mythical. Now I discover it not only exists (with a population of around 350,000!), it has YANKEE subscribers!

Just take a look at these pictures of local belles caught in the act of wondering what they can swop for a good vacuum cleaner, or perhaps speculating on the alleged merits of Vermont maple syrup.

They were snapped by the Rev. K. Appasamy, headmaster of All Staints' School in Labasa, Fiji. Although Mr. Appasamy is originally from India, he took a Bachelor's degree from Hartford Theological Seminary, and a Master's degree in English from Boston University. His wife was born in Lakeport, New Hampshire, and his daughter in Connecticut. (Sort of a Yankee by osmosis, I guess.)

This gentleman writes fascinating letters, and I am a lot more intelligent about Fiji than I was yesterday. Much of Mr. Appasamy's descriptions of these lush islands sound like the technicolor background of an old Dorothy Lamour movie—sarong and all. A veritable paradise, according to Mr. A. Among other things, I found out that about a hundred years ago when the Fijian chieftains were fighting among themselves and afraid of powerful neighbors conquering them, they offered to become subjects of the United States. We, however, were in the middle of our Civil War and didn't even bother to reply. Later the Fijians made the same offer to the British who gladly undertook the job in 1874 and are still there. The early Yankee whalers, probably from New Bedford, called in several of the ports to replenish their supplies, and to leave behind a few descendants. About 300 Whippeys and Simpsons now live in the Islands in mute testimony thereof. The population is amazingly polyglot. Besides the Fijians themselves (Negroid in stock and all about 6 feet tall, including the women) there are Europeans, Chinese, mixtures of every kind, and the largest group of all—the Indians.

Some of the delightful bits I have now tucked into my Fund of Slightly Useless But Fascinating Information are: Fijians have jeering, hilarious laughter which can easily be heard a quarter of a mile away on a calm night; the native *Bures* or huts look prehistoric on the outside but have electric lights, fans and air conditioning inside; all Fijians are Christians (mostly Methodist) but have retained traces of pre-Christian magic that fairly curdle my blood (the medicine men can still cast spells that defy scientific explanation, and missionaries testify under oath that these sorcerers can literally pray a man to death); Labasa has telephones, radios and sewing machines but no butch-

er shop (meat comes from Australia by air); Fijian women do not marry Indians though they freely marry Europeans and Chinese; there are no wild animals and practically no snakes on the Islands, but lots of bugs; and Comforting Note for Tourists: cannibalism has virtually disappeared. Oddest of all is the fact that there is something about Fiji that makes hair grow and GROW. Bald-headed people are rarely seen. Most of the Fiji-born children (of all races) arrive with little mutton chop whiskers, girls included. Mrs. Appasamy's hair now reaches her knees, and Mr. A's eyebrows are so long they can be plaited with his lower eyelashes. His wife threatens to cut them but he howls in resistance: "If cats lose their sense of direction when their mustaches are clipped, what about me? I might forget to come home!"

The only thing that Mr. Appasamy doesn't explain to my satisfaction is how do the Fijians keep their hair in such towering pompadours? And what do they hide behind them? Lunch?

Amos of Apple Valley

When Amos Flemings sold real estate in Peterborough, New Hampshire he wouldn't deign to list a house under a hundred years old. Today on the Mojave Desert, a two-hour drive from Los Angeles, he is happily peddling one-story ranch houses either brand new or almost so, and half-acre lots covered with Joshua trees, sage brush and greasewood. Not to mention jack rabbits as big as spaniels.

This switch in both location and attitude did not happen overnight. Amos was firmly ensconced (he thought) in New England, busy with a thriving real estate business, an agricultural contracting sideline, and his apple orchard. Then came 1941 and the army. He went in as a Lieutenant, came out a Colonel. In between he served with the Infantry for 4½ years in the Hawaiian Islands. "Nothing like a tour of duty in the Islands to make you wonder about all that snow and ice back home," says Amos. A brief career in San Francisco—first, as Public Relations director of the famous Fairmont Hotel, then as proprietor of his own restaurant, the "Colonial Manor" which featured red flannel hash and Indian pudding after the Durgin Park recipe—kept him busy until 1951 when he discovered Apple Valley and decided to make it his home.

Something in his Yankee bones must have secretly longed for wide open spaces, because in Apple Valley—9 x 18 miles in area; population 6,000—there is nothing else but. In the late 1920's there were almost 3,000 acres of fruit trees—apples, cherries, pears—but today there is a thriving, if scattered community of homeowners who find the 3,000-foot altitude and zero humidity both healthful and soothing to the nerves. No smog, and no traffic. The circling rocky hills are constantly changing in color as the sun moves

These photographs, taken by the Rev. K. Appasamy, show two Fijian belles looking up swops in YANKEE. *Maybe they'd swop a sarong for some New England maple syrup.*

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across the deep blue sky, and the only unnatural sounds are the occasional planes from neighboring George Air Base, or the three-times-a-day arrival of the local puddle-jumper from Los Angeles or Las Vegas. Many Apple Valley residents have their own planes, and it is a common sight to see one nonchalantly parked under the car port next to the family station wagon. Amos likes to remark that Apple Valley is probably the only town in the country where you can taxi up in your private plane to within a few feet of the main highway, fill up with gas at the service station (which divides its business between automobiles and planes) and walk across the street to the Country Club.

In the eleven years of its boom Apple Valley has witnessed a lot of changes. Modern architecture at its best is seen in its prize-winning bank, and new hospital, as well as in its Inn, motels and homes. But the wild west flavor remains. Many people still ride to the Post Office and

supermarket on their palominos or Arabian horses; the Burro Race to Big Bear is an annual event; and high-heeled boots and a ten-gallon hat mark the true citizen no matter when he got off the train from Back Bay.

It was some time before Amos was known as anything but the "cowboy with the Boston accent." He worked hard at it, however, and now is known simply as "Amos of Apple Valley." Not that the New England influence has disappeared. Far from it. His office is famous for many things beside the never-empty coffee pot—his collection of early American eagles; and two old flags, one a replica of George Washington's personal banner, and the other actually carried by his ancestor in the Civil War, complete with three Confederate bullet holes. In between being President of Rotary, conducting classes in real estate, and playing with his three-year-old son, Garry, Amos still gives lectures on the American Flag in the best Yankee tradition.

And he has managed to grow fruit trees in his front yard in memory not only of early Apple Valley days, but of Peterborough. "Would you go back?" he is often asked. He shakes his head. "I used to have a snow-ploughing contract back home, and in the winter I had to be up at

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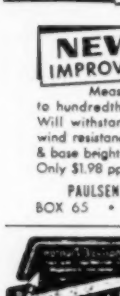

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Visitors From New England

Welcomed with open arms this week were the **Henry Bestons** from Maine. She is **Elizabeth J. Coatsworth,** well-known poet (new collection just published by Macmillan's) and author of many delightful books for children; he is the author of *Outermost House,* a book that has become a classic in the author's lifetime. We shared coffee, crumpets and ideas one happy morning, and I only wish they were around the corner all year instead of 3,000 miles away. "Blood relations of the mind" (to borrow Ruth Pitter's memorable phrase) are hard come by in this feverish world.

Also in town, but briefly, was **Dr. Reginald Helfferich,** about whom I wrote last May—"Little Man Who *Was* There." He told us of his recent visit to Russia for Heifer Project, Inc. He bought an enormous fur hat which he wore with considerable relish. He was sitting one day on bleachers watching a parade, accompanied by the Minister of Agriculture, his official host. The crowd began pointing at him. When Reggie asked (a little nervously)

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A block further on he ran ahead of Reggie and stopped in front of him, pointing his finger and asking, "Amerikan?" Reggie answered, "Yes."

He held out his hand, and said, "Moi Drug" (My friend), and Reggie took his hand and replied in kind, "Moi Drug." The boy then ceremoniously handed over his membership pin in the Pioneers, the Communist Party organization for young people, with a friendly "Spikoinia Noche" (Good Night!) ran back down the street.

As Reggie says, "To preach peace and brotherhood is dangerous unless you mean it. The people on top may mean a 'phony peace,' but by the time it gets to children and the common man it means something pretty close to what I mean when I say or work or pray for peace."

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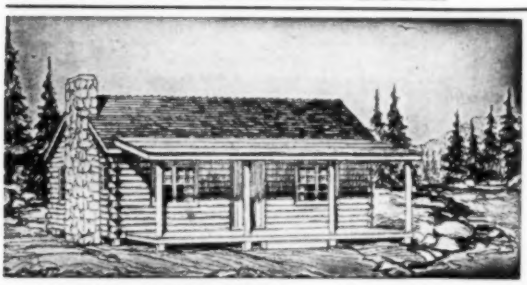

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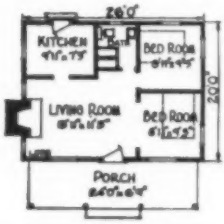

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The Devil's Tail

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points to another possible derivation of the phrase. This goes back to the early belief that the printer's art was a black art and those who ministered to it were devils, an inheritance, perhaps, from the still earlier belief that writing itself was a form of black magic. Aldo Manuzio, the Venetian printer, had an errand boy who was thought to be an imp. To lay this devil, he wrote a proclamation in 1490:

> I, Aldo Manuzio, printer to the Doge, have this day made public exposure of the printer's devil. All who think he is not flesh and blood may come and pinch him.

The printer's art was looked upon with suspicion not only by the low and ignorant but also by the high and learned, as is evidenced by Sir William Berkeley's often-quoted remark on printing in Virginia: "Thank God there are no free schools nor printing, for learning has brought disobedience, and heresy, and sects into the world, and printing has divulged them." To some Venetians of the 15th, and to Sir William Berkeley of the 17th century, the printing press had its devilish aspects. To us, on the other hand, the old bed and platen press is a symbol of freedom and enlightenment, "the tyrant's foe, the people's friend."

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All this establishes that the demonstrator of course was wrong when he inferred that the devil of *devil's tail* and that of *printer's devil* were one and the same. The devil of the former is the printing press, a devil to the ignorant, superstitious, and obscurantistic, while that of the latter is the week-boy, spirit, imp, chore-boy, or what-you-will, who occupies the lowest position in the printer's shop.

The question rises, Is *devil's tail* an Americanism? Did it originate in the United States. All the positive evidence—"The Boston Evening-Post" of 1765 and "Dictionary of Printing Terms" of 1941—points that way, indicates that it was a coinage of the American colonial printer. All the negative evidence, too. The phrase is not in Moxon's dictionary of printer's words and phrases or the "Oxford English Dictionary" or in any of the English dictionaries of printer's terms that I have seen. So until some one comes up with an English use of the phrase prior to 1765, I'm going to follow Thornton and dub the *devil's tail* an Americanism, for knowledge of which I have to thank Sturbridge Village and its demonstrating printer.

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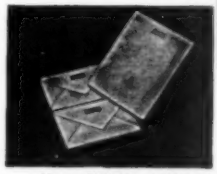

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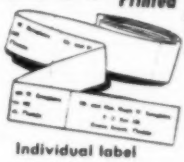

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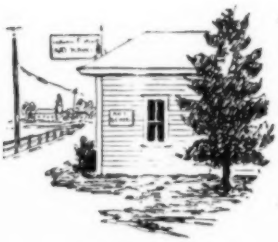

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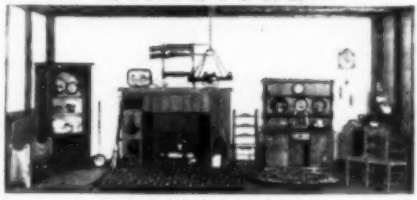

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